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PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SAGAR SAMMRIDDHI PROJECT
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has launched Sagar Sammriddhi Project for Deepwater Exploration;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c): the achievements made so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): In August, 2003, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) launched a mega campaign called "Sagar Sammriddhi" for accelerated exploration of oil and natural gas in deepwater areas off the East and West Coasts of India where they hold 29 deepwater acreages.

In addition to its own drillship, "Sagar Vijay" capable of drilling upto 900 meters, ONGC have hired 2 drillships namely, "Belford Dolphin" owned by M/s. Dolphin Drilling Ltd., U.K. with the capacity to drill upto 3000 meters and "Discoverer Seven Seas" owned by M/s. Transocean Inc., USA capable of drilling upto 1800 meters water depth.

(c): Under "Sagar Sammriddhi", ONGC have drilled 18 deepwater wells as on 1.4.2005, of which 3 are hydrocarbon bearing. The intensive exploration efforts have resulted in 2 gas finds, G-4 and Vashista in Krishna Godawari deepwater establishing 33.48 million tonnes of oil equivalent of gas(OEG) of in place hydrocarbons as on 1.4.2005.